

# **IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

### **AUGUST 26, 2010**

The Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission (IRGC) met on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort (RCGR), Riverside, Iowa. Commission members present were Toni Urban, Chair; Paul Hayes, Vice Chair; and members Kate Cutler, Andrea Harrison and Greg Seyfer.

Chair Urban called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM, and noted the following additions to the agenda, Public Comment and Adjournment. She requested a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hayes so moved. Commissioner Cutler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chair Urban moved to the Welcome and thanked Dan Kehl and Joe Massa, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer respectively for RCGR and Grand Falls, for the breakfast. Mr. Massa welcomed the Commission back to Riverside. He introduced Tim Putney, President of the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. Mr. Putney also expressed his pleasure at having the Commission back in Riverside and welcomed Lyon County (Grand Falls) as the newest member of the Iowa Gaming Association. He offered praises for the Kehl family.

Chair Urban moved to the approval of the minutes from the July 29, 2010 Commission meeting. Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Seyfer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chair Urban called on Jack Ketterer, Administrator of IRGC, for announcements. Mr. Ketterer introduced Scott Ditch and Sue Hansen, the Commission's representatives at Riverside, and thanked them for the efforts on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Ketterer provided the following information regarding upcoming Commission meetings:

- September 2010 – No Meeting
- October 7, 2010 – Hotel Julien, Dubuque, IA (Submissions due by September 22, 2010)
- November 10, 2010 – Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, IA (Submissions due by October 27, 2010)
- December 2010 – No Meeting
- January 13, 2011 – Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, IA (Submissions due by December 29, 2010)

He advised that at the November meeting the Commission would be deciding racing dates and purses for 2011.

Chair Urban moved to the review of the financial audits for the Isle of Capri properties. Sally Rogers, Senior Director of Finance for IOC Bettendorf (IOCB) and Rhythm City (RC) introduced Grant Gubbrud, Director of Finance at IOC Waterloo, and Laurie Fisher, Controller at Lady Luck Marquette. She advised that all of the properties have experienced a decline in revenue due to the economic situation as well as increased competition from Illinois. Ms. Rogers stated that the properties have taken steps to mitigate the losses without having to decrease benefits for team members or a reduction of staff.

Commissioner Hayes asked Ms. Rogers to explain what steps the company has taken to address the exceptions to the internal controls listed in the audit. Ms. Rogers advised that there is a committee within the company that reviews the exceptions. She advised that those listed were due to human error or the failure of a control. Ms. Rogers stated that new or enhanced controls were put in place and that each exception has been addressed.

Commissioner Hayes asked if there was an internal audit team at the various properties that performs some of the same duties as the external auditors. Ms. Rogers answered in the affirmative, advising that it is based out of the corporate office and that some of the properties have an auditor that performs audits throughout the course of the year. She advised that is where most of the exceptions came from. Commissioner Hayes clarified that the exceptions were issues found by the internal audits that the external auditor included them in the overall audit. Ms. Rogers answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Ketterer, noting that part of the reason for the decline in revenues was the competition from across the river, asked about the status of the temporary lane restrictions on I-80 and I-74. Ms. Rogers advised that I-74 is down to 1 lane; I-80 is down to one lane in each direction. She stated that she did not know how the company could place a dollar value on the loss of business due to the road construction.

Nancy Ballenger, General Manager at IOCB, stated that 2-3 lanes of I-80 have been closed over the last 19 months, but should be completed by the end of October. It has made it difficult to attract customers from their wider customer base. She advised that I-74 is back and forth, but also should be completed by the end of October.

Chair Urban moved to the contract approval portion of the agenda and called on Diamond Jo (DJ). Wendy Runde, Director of Finance at DJ, advised that she was representing DJ and Diamond Jo Worth (DJW), and presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Diamond Jo: Shuffle Master, Inc. – Four Card Poker, Pai Gow Poker, Mississippi Stud Poker, Shufflers, and Parts

- Diamond Jo Worth – The Dimensional Group – Direct Mail Printing Services

As there was no discussion concerning the contracts, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the contracts as submitted by DJ and DJW respectively. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-86)

Chair Urban called on IOCB. Ms. Rogers presented a contract with Technology Solutions Groups for telephone equipment and maintenance services.

As there were no comments or questions concerning the contract, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the contract as submitted by IOCB. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-87)

Chair Urban called on Rhythm City (RC). Mo Hyder, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Technology Solutions Group – Telephone Equipment & Maintenance Services
- Blackhawk Fleet – Flood Mitigation Expenses
- Konami – Purchase Slot Machines & Parts

As there were no comments or questions concerning the contracts, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Hayes moved to approve the contracts as submitted by RC. Commissioner Cutler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-88)

Chair Urban called on RCGR. Dan Franz, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Loffredo Fresh Produce Co., Inc. – Food and Produce Purchases
- Marsh USA, Inc. – Insurance
- MedOne Healthcare Systems – Prescription Drug Benefit Plan for 2010
- Mercy Iowa City – Health Plan Costs – 2010 Medical
- William Morris Endeavor – Entertainment Broker

As there were no comments or questions concerning the contracts, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the contracts as submitted by RCGR. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-89)

Chair Urban called on Lyon County Resort & Casino. Dan Kehl, Chief Executive Officer, noted that Riverside was celebrating its fourth anniversary this week. He stated the first referendum passed by 52%; they are anticipating that the upcoming referendum will pass with 70% voting in favor of the continued operation this November.

Mr. Kehl presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Architectural Arts – Architectural Millwork Materials
- Modern Gas Company – LP Tanks

Hearing no comments or questions concerning the contracts, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Lyon County. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-90)

Mr. Kehl provided the following information on the progress of the Grand Falls facility in Larchwood: Groundbreaking for the project was delayed as the Flandreau Tribe in South Dakota filed a request that the Corp of Engineers conduct an archeological survey, which was completed on Memorial Day weekend. No artifacts were found. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 23, 2010.

Mr. Kehl stated that the timeline submitted with the application indicated the building would be turned over to them on May 15, 2011; however, due to the large amount of rain this summer, this is more likely to be in June, with the opening taking place in late June or early July 2011. The excessive rain has made it necessary to over excavate the footings, fill them with rock and then finish the footings. Mr. Kehl advised that the HVAC system has been upgraded, which will improve the air quality in the casino. The geothermal wells are being dug, one of the parking lots has been paved for the workers and construction trailers to use. All of the asphalt will be put down in early September, and the topping off ceremony will be held during the first two weeks of November. The game plan is to have the building enclosed by December in order to provide good working conditions for the winter months. Department directors will be hired in January, table game staff will be hired in early March, and the dealer school will open in April. Job fairs will be held in May, as well as slot bases installed and the IRGC office completed. The goal is to be open by the Fourth of July weekend in 2011.

Mr. Kehl stated that he signed financing documents with Wells Fargo on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The agreement calls for a \$50 million first tranche at 8%; Wells Fargo has agreed to take \$25 million of that piece. The second part is a \$25 million tranche at 15%; Wells Fargo has agreed to take \$15 million of this loan. The final piece of the financing is a \$10 million completion guarantee; they are working with Jefferies to finalize this piece.

Mr. Kehl provided the following web site: [www.grandfallscasinoresort.com](http://www.grandfallscasinoresort.com). A webcam allows for live viewing of what is occurring on the construction site. He noted that the cement work is behind, and they are attempting to get that component back on schedule.

Commissioner Hayes asked how much of the construction costs have been bid. Mr. Kehl advised there is approximately \$1 million of construction costs left to go out for bid. He indicated that approximately 55% has been awarded to Iowa vendors. They have most of the gaming equipment to purchase yet. The budget for the project is \$120 million, and

currently the amount spent is \$118 million. Mr. Kehl stated that the project will not go over budget.

Commissioner Harrison commended Mr. Kehl for his commitment to completing the project on time.

Mr. Kehl introduced the following individuals who sit on the Lyon County Resort & Casino board: Jim Wells, Chair; Dan Hoffman, Gary Bishop, Aimee Meardon-Orris, Eileen Krull, and Jeff Link. All of them have submitted their backgrounds investigation forms to the Division of Criminal Investigation.

Mr. Kehl turned the floor over to Jeff Gallagher, President of the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation, who advised that they had received approval from the IRS for their non-profit status. He stated the Board is comprised of 13 people, 8 of whom have submitted their background investigation forms. Mr. Gallagher stated they have not heard anything from the DCI in the last nine months, and feels everything is OK with those. Three more individuals are in the process of completing and submitting their forms. At this time, there are still two positions to fill on the Board. In the near future, the Board members will begin meeting with the various communities in Lyon County to ascertain their needs in order to start distributing some of the available funds.

Chair Urban called on Ameristar Casino. Jane Bell, Director of Government Affairs, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Atronic Americas, LLC – Slot Machines, Equipment & Leases
- Casino Signs – Slot Signage
- Hartford Financial Services – Insurance Provider

As there were no comments or questions concerning the contracts, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Ameristar. Commissioner Cutler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-91)

Chair Urban called on Wild Rose Clinton (WRC). Tim Bollmann, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- ASCAP - Purchase of License to Perform Non-Dramatic Musical Compositions
- International Gaming Technology – Leases, Royalties, Conversion & Parts Purchases
- Mediacom Iowa, LLC – Mediacom Commercial Family Cable Video Service in Casino & Coaches Corner Sports Bar
- Mediacom – Mediacom CATV Service for Hotel Rooms
- MetLife – Employee Life Insurance, Long & Short Term Disability, and Dental Insurance Premiums
- Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield – Employee Health Insurance Premiums

As there were no comments or questions concerning the contracts, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Seyfer moved to approve the contracts as submitted by WRC. Commissioner Cutler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-92)

Chair Urban called on Horseshoe Casino/Bluffs Run Greyhound Park (HSC/BRGP). Janae Sternberg, Director of Finance, presented a contract with Pettit's Pastry, Inc. for baked goods.

Hearing no comments or questions concerning the contract, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the contract as submitted by HSC/BRGP. Commissioner Seyfer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-93)

Chair Urban called Mystique Casino. Roger Hoeger, Assistant General Manager, presented a contract with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers for a labor agreement for the pari-mutuel tellers.

As there were no comments or questions regarding the contract, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the contract as submitted by Mystique. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-94)

Jesus Aviles, General Manager of Mystique, advised that about three years ago the citizens of Dubuque took it upon themselves to raise funds to build a small ice arena for hockey. The Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) Board donated \$1.4 million to the project. Mr. Aviles announced that in mid-September the arena will be opening. The final project cost was \$7 million. The community was also able to bring back an UHL hockey team and will be playing the team from Sioux City for their first exhibition game on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the new arena.

Chair Urban called on the DRA and the Iowa Greyhound Association (IGA). Jerry Crawford, legal counsel for the IGA, announced that neither party would be submitting the name of a third arbitrator as they had reached a new tentative five-year agreement. The proposed agreement will come before the Commission after it has been approved by the IGA members and the DRA Board of Directors. Mr. Crawford stated that IGA was willing to accept less money than previously received through arbitration, 7.1% going forward, in return for a five-year agreement. The agreement calls for the parties to work together at the Legislature, rather than against each other, for the improvement of the greyhound industry in Iowa. Mr. Crawford stated that during discussions Mr. Aviles asked the IGA to be sensitive not only to the needs of their organization, but to the needs of his employees, the recipients of charitable grants, and the City of Dubuque. In return, the IGA asked Mr. Aviles to be sensitive to the needs of the Iowa families involved in the greyhound industry and their ability to plan for the future rather than year to year. Mr. Crawford commended Mr. Aviles for his willingness to put Iowans first.

Mr. Aviles noted that this was a tough experience for him as he only has two and one-half years of experience in the racing industry, and had to go back and review the history. As a non-profit, DRA has to be mindful and responsible for every dollar. Mr. Aviles commended Mr. Crawford and the IGA for their willingness to be sensitive to the financial needs of DRA. He advised the agreement has to be ratified by the DRA board; hopefully, the finalized agreement can be brought before the Commission at the October meeting.

Chair Urban called on the Iowa West Racing Association (IWRA) and the IGA. Mr. Crawford stated that both parties have agreed to use former Supreme Court Chief Justice Louis Lavorato as the third arbitrator in the upcoming arbitration. He advised that the IGA is willing to consider an agreement similar to the one just announced with the DRA.

Mr. Ketterer asked that evidence be closed by the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the arbitration panel would have the remainder of October to issue a decision, which could be submitted to the Commission by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Crawford advised that the parties have not yet cleared schedules in order to commence arbitration. He stated that he felt it would be closer to October 15<sup>th</sup> before evidence is closed, but no later. Mr. Ketterer stated that was alright, as long as the panel would have their decision to the Commission by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hearing no further discussion concerning the arbitration or the third party arbitrator, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Harrison moved to approve former Chief Justice Louis Lavorato as the third party arbitrator for IWRA/IGA. Commissioner Cutler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-95)

Chair Urban called on the IGA regarding their request to withdraw funds from the Bluffs Run/IGA Escrow Account, which was deferred from the July commission meeting. Jim Quilty, legal counsel for the IGA, stated that the request was to withdraw funds to pay for the updating of a previous study performed by Iowa State University in 2001. The original study was paid for by funds from the escrow account, and Harrah's did not oppose the withdrawal of funds for that purpose at that time. Mr. Quilty advised that the bulk of the study is completed, but has not been paid for. He indicated that Harrah's is opposed to the withdrawal of funds as they are trying to eliminate greyhound racing in Iowa. Mr. Quilty stated that the study would serve as a promotional tool to promote the industry, and will be based on facts. He noted that the study would be shared with legislators, the media, the Commission and will also be posted on the IGA's website.

As there were no questions for Mr. Quilty, Chair Urban called on Lorraine May, legal counsel for IWRA. Ms. May stated that the difference between now and 2001 is that the parties entered into an agreement stating that the funds would not be used for lobbying. She stated that the question before the Commission is not about attempting to end greyhound racing; that the study would be performed anyway. She stated that the question before the Commission is IGA's compliance with the agreement to not use the funds for lobbying. Ms. May advised that there are other sources of funding and offers to

perform the study. She requested that the request to withdraw funds from the escrow account to pay for the study be denied.

Hearing no comments or questions for Ms. May, Chair Urban called for a motion. Commissioner Hayes moved to approve the withdrawal of the \$5,000 from the escrow account. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion.

Chair Urban called for any discussion. Commissioner Cutler stated that she concurred with Ms. May; that the study seems to fall into the category of lobbying, and would vote against the withdrawal of the funds.

Commissioner Seyfer stated that he does not want to get in the middle and have to determine the difference between promotional material and lobbying. He noted that the Code makes several references to promoting the industry.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Urban called for the vote. The motion carried on a 4-1 vote, Commissioner Cutler voting nay. (See Order No. 10-96)

Chair Urban called on Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino (PMR&C). Gary Palmer and Derron Heldt, General Manager and Director of Racing respectively, were present to address the Commission. The first item for discussion was a racetrack surface report. Mr. Palmer advised that Mr. Heldt and the track superintendent have been keeping updated on track surfaces nationwide, and have attended some racetrack surface seminars. He advised that a handout containing various articles on artificial surfaces had been distributed to them earlier. Mr. Heldt advised that the racing industry is divided on the topic of the synthetic surfaces; noting that last week the Santa Anita racetrack in California, which had a synthetic track, removed it and returned to a dirt surface. He stated PMR&C will continue to monitor the track surface discussion and keep the Commission apprised on the issue.

Commissioner Harrison asked if one surface, synthetic or dirt, is faster than the other. Mr. Heldt indicated it would depend on the maintenance; there have been some issues with the synthetics. He stated that when the synthetic tracks first came out, they were touted as virtually maintenance free. He went on to say that all tracks are different; that the issue is the safety of the horse. Commissioner Harrison indicated that was the answer she was hoping to receive.

Mr. Ketterer concurred that the issue is the safety of the horse. He agreed that there is a lot of divisiveness in the industry regarding the artificial surfaces. He noted that the purveyors of the tracks have fallen short in providing guidance for maintenance, how they perform in certain climates, etc., creating a lot of uncertainty. Mr. Ketterer stated that inclement weather has caused the cancellation of races at some tracks with synthetic tracks where the installation was not done properly. He feels that the issue of track surfaces remains a challenge; that the only reason the synthetics came to the forefront was because of the safety issue. Mr. Ketterer stated that is why he feels it is important for



PMR&C to stay abreast of the issues. Whether they race on a dirt or synthetic track in the future, maintenance and composition vary due to the climate where the track is located; the goal is the safety of the rider and the horse. He thanked Mr. Palmer and Mr. Heldt for the update, and looks forward to future updates. He requested an update on the recently completed thoroughbred meet.

Mr. Heldt advised that the thoroughbred meet ended on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and that the track received a tremendous amount of heavy rain throughout the meet. He stated that the track held up very well. Prior to the start of the meet, PMR&C met with the Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and formed a track committee that met every two weeks with the track superintendent. Mr. Heldt stated that the track surface did lose fines and silts due to the heavy rains and PMR&C was unable to obtain a mixture of those elements as the quarries were also under water. Mr. Heldt advised there were injuries but they were well within the range of the national average. He advised that they are on track to have a good surface for next year.

Chair Urban asked Mr. Heldt if PMR&C was pleased with the length of the season for the thoroughbreds. Mr. Heldt noted this was the first year under the new format; the quality of horses was up but the inventory was a little weak. That is an issue they will work on next year. Mr. Heldt noted there are several tracks competing for the same pool of horses; that it is imperative that PMR&C sell itself better than they have in the past. He stated that the Festival of Racing drew national interest this year; one horse, Majestic Perfection, won the Iowa Sprint and set a new track record. His next start at Saratoga Park in New York was in a Grade I race; he beat some of the best horses in the country. The Iowa Derby winner went on to win the West Virginia Derby, a Grade II stakes race with a purse of \$750,000. The winner of the Cornhusker Race ran at Remington Park and won a \$750,000 stakes race. Mr. Heldt advised that the stakes program is improving at PMR&C and is getting national recognition.

Chair Urban noted that PMR&C received some very good press regarding new trainers and horses coming to PMR&C for the thoroughbred meet. Mr. Heldt concurred, and stated that the trend needs to continue next year; hopefully, some of the new people from this year will help spread the word and draw more new owners, trainers and jockeys next year.

Chair Urban moved to the hotel update. Mr. Palmer noted that PMR&C's original plan was to work with Kinseth Hospitality; however they were unable to obtain the necessary financing. At the board meeting yesterday, the Board chose a new bank and is in negotiations to obtain the financing for the hotel. Additionally, the Board voted to proceed with fixing the elevation of the parking lot where the hotel will be located. Mr. Palmer advised that during their collaboration with Kinseth, a \$7 million RTA was submitted and approved for Weitz Company. Weitz Company is the company who will be performing the necessary elevation work. The RTA included \$2.1 million in start-up costs for Phase 1 of the hotel project. He asked for permission to proceed with the Weitz

Company RTA; the only difference being that Weitz would be working for PMR&C versus Kinseth.

Commissioner Seyfer asked if this would be the exact same contract. Mr. Palmer answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Cutler asked who the contract is with. Mr. Palmer advised that the contract was originally between Kinseth and Weitz when Kinseth was expected to be the developer.

Commissioner Hayes moved to accept the change in the previously approved contract as described by Mr. Palmer. Commissioner Seyfer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-97)

Mr. Palmer stated that PMR&C is moving forward on the hotel at a fast pace in order to get as much done as possible before winter sets in. He advised that PMR&C will be bringing Phase 2 before the Commission. He anticipates that the work done by the Weitz Company will exceed the \$7 million already approved, and will request approval of an increased amount in October.

Commissioner Harrison asked when Phase 1 would be started. Mr. Palmer advised that the plan is to commence work on September 7<sup>th</sup> and complete it by the end of October. Commissioner Harrison asked what would happen next. Mr. Palmer stated that hopefully Phase 2 can be started, dependent upon the weather. Commissioner Harrison asked what Phase 2 consists of. Mr. Palmer stated that would be the actual construction of the hotel. Commissioner Harrison asked what month that would be. Mr. Palmer indicated that it would be at the end of October, which is when the clock would start. Commissioner Harrison clarified that he meant October 2010. Mr. Palmer again answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Harrison stated that she just wanted to be clear on the projected start date.

Hearing no further discussion concerning the hotel; Chair Urban moved to the request for an additional racing day contingent upon inclement weather. Mr. Heldt advised that the Commission has a contract between the Iowa Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA) and PMR&C. Paragraph 13 of the contract states: Although PMR&C will make its best efforts to run all races as provided herein, PMR&C is not obligated to make up any days lost during the racing season that are attributable to driver strikes, inclement weather, or any other circumstances beyond the control of PMR&C, provided, however, if the Friday, October 15, 2010 race day is lost for any reason, PMR&C agrees to run either a double card on Saturday, October 16, 2010 or to hold races on Sunday, October 17, 2010. He advised that the IHHA usually runs the Iowa championships on the last day of the meet. With the new experiment of running on a packed track, there is some concern that inclement weather could cause the races to be cancelled; therefore, the championships were moved to Friday, providing the opportunity for them to be run on either Saturday or Sunday, possibly adding one day to the racing season, which was approved for ten days.

Commissioner Seyfer asked if both parties were in agreement with the above. Mr. Heldt answered in the affirmative, noting that the agreement has been signed by both parties. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Urban called for a motion to approve the extra day of racing. Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the request for an extra day of racing. Commissioner Cutler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order no. 10-98)

Chair Urban moved to the approval of the ancillary agreement with the IHHA. Mr. Heldt advised this was the agreement referenced in the previous agenda item, and reiterated that the agreement had been signed by Mr. Palmer and Royal Roland, President of the IHHA.

Hearing no comments or questions concerning the agreement, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the ancillary agreement between PMR&C and the IHHA as submitted. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-99)

Chair Urban moved to the contract. Mr. Palmer submitted a contract with Pristine Linen for linen service. Mr. Palmer advised that the contract was being submitted due to a change in ownership.

Hearing no discussion concerning the contract, Chair Urban requested a motion. Commissioner Cutler moved to approve the contract as submitted. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (See Order No. 10-100)

Chair Urban moved to Public Comment, and called on Sharon Haselhoff. Ms. Haselhoff, the current Public Relations Director for Riverside, advised that effective October 1<sup>st</sup> she will be the General Manager for the Grand Falls Casino & Resort. She introduced Karlyn Ollendick who has been promoted to the position of Chief Information Officer for both properties, and Dan White, who will begin his employment on September 1<sup>st</sup> as the Director of Finance/Controller for the Grand Falls property. He previously worked at the Mississippi Belle II and is returning to Iowa from Oklahoma.

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Urban requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cutler so moved. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

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JULIE D. HERRICK